

Exhibit No. 3Date 2 - 23 - 15Bill No. SB 388

Honorable Senator Lea Whitford
Montana State Senate
Montana State Capitol
P.O. Box 200500
Helena, Montana 59604

Dear Senator Whitford:

It is with honor that as Chairman of the Blackfeet Tribe, I am writing this letter of support in your sponsorship of "An Act establishing Elouise Cobell Day (November 5th) each year to honor her tireless efforts to hold the government accountable to Native Americans whose land was held in trust and to lift her people out of poverty."

Elouise Cobell was a model in showing us how to strive for the betterment of our people. She is not only a champion for what she did with the Blackfeet, but a champion for all Indian people across the United States.

The 13 year legal battle that Elouise fought shows her status as a now day warrior among our people. By her victory, she was able to bring justice for those who have gone before us as well as those still here.

The legacy that Elouise has left will long be remember for years to come and by the State of Montana recognizing her with a commemoration will strengthen this legacy.

Thank you Elouise for all you have done and thank you Senator Whitford for your continued leadership in the Montana Senate.

Sincerely,

Harry Barnes

Harry Barnes, Chairman
Blackfeet Tribal Business Council

